

## Aiken Elementary

2050 Pine Log Road

Aiken, SC 29803

<b>Grades</b>	PK-5 Elementary School	
<b>Enrollment</b>	807 Students	
<b>Principal</b>	Rebecca M. Koelker	803-641-2740
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<b>Board Chair</b>	Ms. Rosemary B. English	803-648-1128

# THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA 2012 ANNUAL SCHOOL REPORT CARD

## RATINGS OVER 5-YEAR PERIOD

YEAR	ABSOLUTE RATING	GROWTH RATING
<b>2012</b>	<b>Excellent</b>	<b>Excellent*</b>
2011	Excellent	Excellent
2010	Excellent	Excellent
2009	Excellent	Good
2008	Good	Average

\* The School's 2012 Growth Rating was raised one level because of substantial improvement in the achievement of students belonging to historically underachieving groups of students. The Growth Rating may or may not have been affected by the performance of these groups in prior years.

## DEFINITIONS OF SCHOOL RATING TERMS

- Excellent – School performance substantially exceeds the standards for progress toward the 2020 SC Performance Vision
- Good – School performance exceeds the standards for progress toward the 2020 SC Performance Vision
- Average – School performance meets the standards for progress toward the 2020 SC Performance Vision
- Below Average – School is in jeopardy of not meeting the standards for progress toward the 2020 SC Performance Vision
- At-Risk – School performance fails to meet the standards for progress toward the 2020 SC Performance Vision

## SOUTH CAROLINA PERFORMANCE VISION

By 2020 all students will graduate with the knowledge and skills necessary to compete successfully in the global economy, participate in a democratic society and contribute positively as members of families and communities.

<http://ed.sc.gov>

<http://www.eoc.sc.gov>

Percent of Student PASS Records Matched for Purpose of Computing Growth Rating

Percent of students tested in 2011-12 whose 2010-11 test scores were located

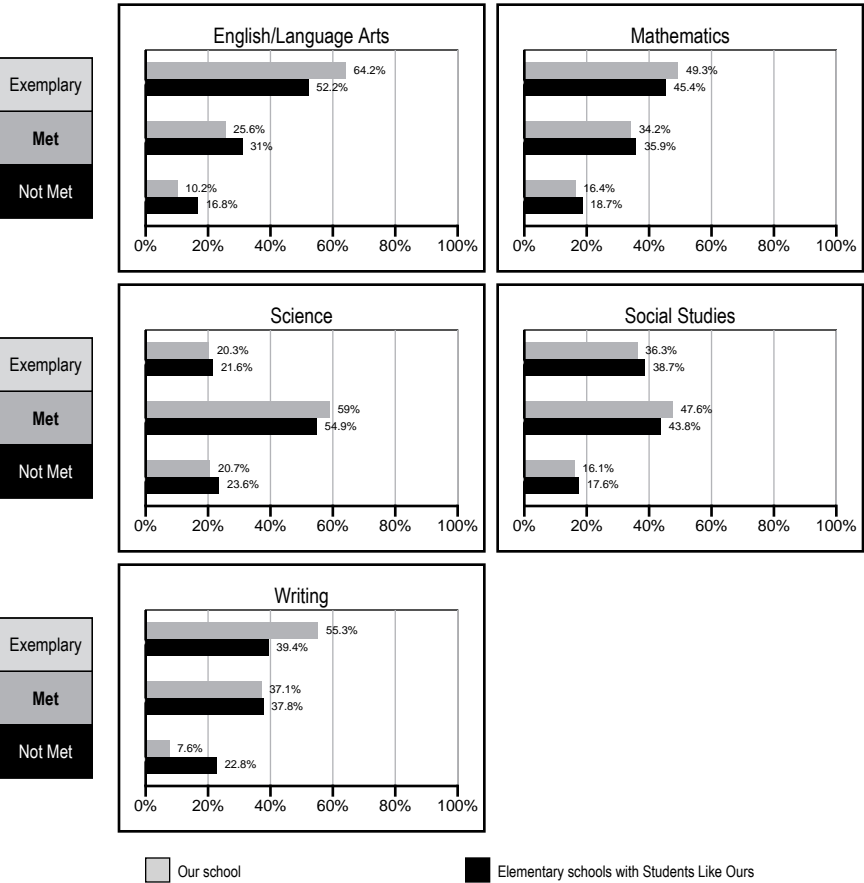
96.5%

ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS\*

Excellent	Good	Average	Below Average	At-Risk
47	26	9	1	0

\* Ratings are calculated with data available by 11/07/2012.

Palmetto Assessment of State Standards (PASS)



\* Elementary schools with Students Like Ours are elementary schools with poverty indices of no more than 5% above or below the index for the school.

Definition of Critical Terms

Exemplary	"Exemplary" means the student demonstrated exemplary performance in meeting the grade level standard.
Met	"Met" means the student met the grade level standard.
Not Met	"Not Met" means that the student did not meet the grade level standard.

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School Profile

	Our School	Change from Last Year	Elementary Schools with Students Like Ours	Median Elementary School
<b>Students (n=807)</b>				
First graders who attended full-day kindergarten	100.0%	Up from 89.4%	100.0%	100.0%
Retention rate	1.7%	Up from 1.4%	0.9%	1.0%
Attendance rate	97.3%	Up from 96.5%	96.8%	96.6%
Served by gifted and talented program	N/AV	N/AV	N/AV	N/AV
With disabilities other than speech	N/AV	N/AV	N/AV	N/AV
Older than usual for grade	N/AV	N/AV	N/AV	N/AV
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent and/or criminal offenses	0.0%	Down from 0.1%	0.0%	0.0%
<b>Teachers (n=49)</b>				
Teachers with advanced degrees	57.1%	Up from 52.0%	63.4%	63.0%
Continuing contract teachers	N/AV	N/AV	N/AV	N/AV
Teachers returning from previous year	92.9%	Up from 91.7%	90.4%	88.7%
Teacher attendance rate	93.7%	Down from 94.1%	95.1%	95.1%
Average teacher salary*	\$47,808	Up 3.3%	\$48,689	\$47,210
Professional development days/teacher	7.3 days	Down from 18.4 days	10.9 days	10.5 days
<b>School</b>				
Principal's years at school	1.0	Down from 13.0	5.0	4.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	21.2 to 1	Down from 22.3 to 1	20.2 to 1	20.0 to 1
Prime instructional time	89.6%	Down from 89.7%	90.6%	90.5%
Opportunities in the arts	Good	No Change	Good	Good
SACS accreditation	Yes	No Change	Yes	Yes
Parents attending conferences	93.6%	Down from 99.2%	100.0%	100.0%
Character development program	Excellent	No Change	Excellent	Excellent
Dollars spent per pupil**	\$6,197	Up 11.4%	\$6,867	\$7,247
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	73.0%	Down from 73.4%	68.2%	68.2%
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries**	70.0%	Up from 69.7%	66.2%	65.7%

\* Includes current year teachers contracted for 185 or more days.

\*\* Prior year audited financial data are reported.

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## Report of Principal and School Improvement Council

Aiken Elementary is a student-centered, high-achieving, award winning school serving over 800 students from pre-school to fifth grade. Our school has an outstanding staff dedicated to helping all students grow and succeed. We have enjoyed continued support from our parents and the community. Our PTA Board and School Improvement Council are instrumental in our planning and improvement process. Our awards are numerous: National Blue Ribbon School of Excellence, Palmetto's Finest, South Carolina Dept. of Education Red Carpet School, and many Palmetto Gold and Silver Awards, including a Gold and Silver Award for 2011-2012. Sustained high student achievement, based upon providing a rigorous standards-based curriculum, is a trademark of our school. The teachers and staff at Aiken Elementary work collaboratively to ensure consistency of learning across and within grade levels and content areas. We believe service learning and service to our community are important aspects of our offerings to students. These are vehicles for our students to learn good citizenship and compassion for others. Innovative learning experiences are a part of every day. Increasing the amount and effectiveness of technology for our students and staff has been a focus for us this year. Aiken Elementary is now a completely wireless building with multiple computer labs, iPads, iPods, and interactive white boards in every classroom. The technology plan has several long term goals and we are well on our way to providing cutting edge technology to every student and staff member every day. Aiken Elementary is a school of excellence. Aiken Elementary is a community school. Aiken Elementary is a school to be proud of. We are the Lightning Bolts. We are enlightening and we are dedicated to the enlightenment for our students, staff and community.

Rebecca M. Koelker, Principal  
Paula Simmons, SIC Chairperson

## Evaluations by Teachers, Students and Parents

	Teachers	Students*	Parents*
Number of surveys returned	49	138	72
Percent satisfied with learning environment	98.0%	79.6%	94.2%
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	95.9%	75.9%	88.7%
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	97.9%	88.1%	88.7%

\* Only students at the highest elementary school grade level and their parents were included.

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ESEA/Federal Accountability Rating System

In July 2012, the South Carolina Department of Education was granted a waiver from several accountability requirements of the federal Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA). This waiver allowed SC to replace the former pass/fail system with one that utilizes more of the statewide assessments already in place and combine these subject area results with graduation rate (in high schools) to determine if each school met the target or made progress toward the target. This analysis results in a letter grade for the school rather than the pass/fail system of previous years. For a detailed review of the matrix for each school and districts that determined the letter grade, please use the following link: <http://ed.sc.gov/data/eSEA/> or request this information from your child's district or school.

Overall Weighted Points Total	91.1
Overall Grade Conversion	A

Index Score	Grade	Description
90-100	A	Performance substantially exceeds the state's expectations.
80-89.9	B	Performance exceeds the state's expectations.
70-79.9	C	Performance meets the state's expectations.
60-69.9	D	Performance does not meet the state's expectations.
Less than 60	F	Performance is substantially below the state's expectations

Accountability Indicator for Title I Schools

Aiken Elementary school has been designated as a:

- ☐ Title I Reward School for Performance - among the highest performing Title I schools in a given year.
- ☐ Title I Reward School for Progress – one of the schools with substantial progress in student subgroups.
- ☒ Title I Focus School – one of the schools with the highest average performance gap between subgroups.
- ☐ Title I Priority School – one of the 5% lowest performing Title I schools.
- ☐ Title I School – does not qualify as Reward, Focus or Priority School.
- ☐ Non-Title I School – therefore the designations above are not applicable.

Teacher Quality and Student Attendance

	Our District	State
Classes in low poverty schools not taught by highly qualified teachers	2.9%	2.6%
Classes in high poverty schools not taught by highly qualified teachers	3.5%	5.1%

	Our School	State Objective	Met State Objective
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	0.0%	0.0%	Yes
Student attendance rate	97.3%	94.0%*	Yes

\* Or greater than last year

Performance By Group

Subgroups	ELA Mean	Math Mean	Science Mean	Social Studies Mean	ELA % Tested	Math % Tested
Grades 3-5						
All Students	687.6	669.8	637.0	647.9	100.0	100.0
Male	685.1	676.1	642.5	652.4	100.0	100.0
Female	690.0	663.8	631.8	643.6	100.0	100.0
White	703.8	686.8	653.3	661.5	100.0	100.0
African American	662.5	644.1	610.5	625.8	100.0	100.0
Asian/Pacific Islander	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Hispanic	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
American Indian/Alaskan	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Disabled	618.9	594.9	575.6	595.3	100.0	100.0
Limited English Proficient	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Subsidized meals	668.1	650.3	623.1	630.1	100.0	100.0
Annual Measurable Objective (AMO)	630.0	630.0	630.0	630.0	95.0	95.0

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PASS Performance By Grade Level

	Grade	Enrollment 1st Day of Testing	% Tested	% Not Met	% Met	% Exemplary	% Met or Exemplary
English/Language Arts							
2011	3	154	100	16.6	20	63.4	83.4
	4	146	100	10	36.4	53.6	90
	5	164	100	9.5	38	52.5	90.5
	6	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	7	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	8	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
2012	3	113	100	8.8	15.7	75.5	91.2
	4	155	100	11.3	28.5	60.3	88.7
	5	141	100	9.8	29.5	60.6	90.2
	6	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	7	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	8	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Mathematics							
2011	3	154	100	22.1	30.3	47.6	77.9
	4	146	100	12.1	40	47.9	87.9
	5	164	100	9.5	34.2	56.3	90.5
	6	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	7	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	8	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
2012	3	113	100	18.6	28.4	52.9	81.4
	4	155	100	14.6	39.1	46.4	85.4
	5	141	100	16.7	32.6	50.8	83.3
	6	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	7	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	8	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Science							
2011	3	78	98.7	32.4	36.5	31.1	67.6
	4	146	100	18.6	58.6	22.9	81.4
	5	84	100	23.8	41.3	35	76.3
	6	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	7	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	8	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
2012	3	57	98.3	28.3	34	37.7	71.7
	4	155	100	17.9	70.9	11.3	82.1
	5	70	100	20.3	50	29.7	79.7
	6	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	7	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	8	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

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PASS Performance By Grade Level

	Grade	Enrollment 1st Day of Testing	% Tested	% Not Met	% Met	% Exemplary	% Met or Exemplary
Social Studies							
2011	3	76	100	30	42.9	27.1	70
	4	146	100	17.9	50.7	31.4	82.1
	5	80	100	15.4	46.2	38.5	84.6
	6	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	7	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
2012	8	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	3	57	98.3	23.5	43.1	33.3	76.5
	4	154	100	14.7	50.7	34.7	85.3
	5	71	98.6	15.9	42	42	84.1
	6	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
2012	7	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	8	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Writing							
2011	3	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	4	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	5	162	100	8.2	34.8	57	91.8
	6	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	7	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
2012	8	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	3	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	4	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	5	141	100	7.6	37.1	55.3	92.4
	6	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
2012	7	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	8	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

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